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1. LATE ON AUGUST 26, THE DAY AFTER CARETAKER PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL FOR THE SECOND TIME FAILED IN HIS ATTEMPTS TO FORM A CENTER-LEFT COALITION (REFTEL), QUEEN JULIANA APPOINTED DR. GERHARD HEINRICH VERINGA TO ACT AS "INFORMATEUR". VERINGA'S TASK IS TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITIES FOR THE FORMING OF A CABINET THAT MAY COUNT ON SUFFICIENT PARLIAMENTARY SUPPORT.

2. DR. VERINGA (53) BELONGS TO THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (CDA) AND IS A MEMBER OF THE PRESTIGIOUS COUNCIL OF STATE.
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HE WAS MINISTER OF EDUCATION IN THE DE JONG CABINET (1967-1971). IN 1971 HE WAS APPOINTED FLOOR LEADER FOR THE CATHOLIC PARTY (KVP) IN THE SECOND CHAMBER, BUT RESIGNED SHORTLY AFTERWARD FOR REASONS OF HEALTH. VERINGA STUDIED AT FORDHAM UNIVERSITY WITH A NETHERLANDS-AMERICAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP, RECEIVING A PHD IN 1949.

3. DR. VERINGA HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL FIRST TRY TO PAVE THE WAY FOR THE FORMATION OF A CENTER-PROGRESSIVE CABINET (CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS-LABOR-D'66) FOR WHICH HE THINKS HE NEEDS ABOUT SEVEN TO TEN DAYS. IF THIS ROUTE FAILS HE PLANS TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES FOR THE FORMATION OF A CENTER-RIGHT CABINET (CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS-LIBERALS). IF THIS ALSO FAILS HIS EFFORTS WILL BE IN THE DIRECTION OF A CABINET WITH A PARLIAMENTARY MINORITY--EITHER THE LABOR PARTY AND D'66 OR THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS ALONE.
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